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Army birthday celebration at Fort Riley, K-State baseball draftees and a new music review.

EDGE

Tattoos come with stories, and their owners are usually more than willing to share their motivations. Check out Page 6 for true body art stories that both inspire and scare.

INSIDE

Learn about a special "Dream Night" at Sunset Zoo. See Page 3 and online.



Public voices opinion on city rental inspection

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission heard the public's opinion on the proposed renter inspection program late into Tuesday night.

The city has taken into advisement a plan to establish a new program that would subject non-owner-occupied dwellings to inspection.

Speakers before the commission included landlords concerned about the financially detrimental repercussions of the program and citizens concerned with the potential assurance of safety and health the measure would provide for renters.

A 7-2 vote by the Rental Inspections Advisory Committee brought two proposals before the Commission for debate and ultimately a vote to enact the program into law.

"For the about 35,000 people – when you include faculty and students – I represent, the only concern is safety," said Bill Muir, K-State assistant vice president for community relations, representing the university on the Rental Inspections Advisory Committee.

Uncertainty about the number of housing units that are actually unsafe to inhabit hindered constructive debate on the necessity of a new program. Much of the first two hours of debate was predicated on the statistic

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Governor quietly makes new mark on Kansas

By Justin Moss
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On April 28, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius joined President Obama's cabinet as Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, of Olathe, Kan., became the 45th governor of Kansas.

A native of Kansas, Parkinson grew up in the Wichita area and graduated first in his class from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1984. According to the biography on his Web site, before becoming a politician, he was a successful businessman, attorney, husband and father of three children.

Parkinson was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1990 and moved on to the Kansas Senate two years later.

Parkinson joined Sebelius in 2006 as lieutenant governor, which led to his stepping in when Sebelius accepted her new post. Parkinson faces many adversities as he takes office during this economic crisis.

"Gov. Parkinson has always been able to put the pedal to the metal," Rep. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, said. "These are the toughest times, financially, in my lifetime. Gov. Parkinson has been very humble and careful not to overstep his boundaries, but has taken his role seriously and is not afraid to take action."

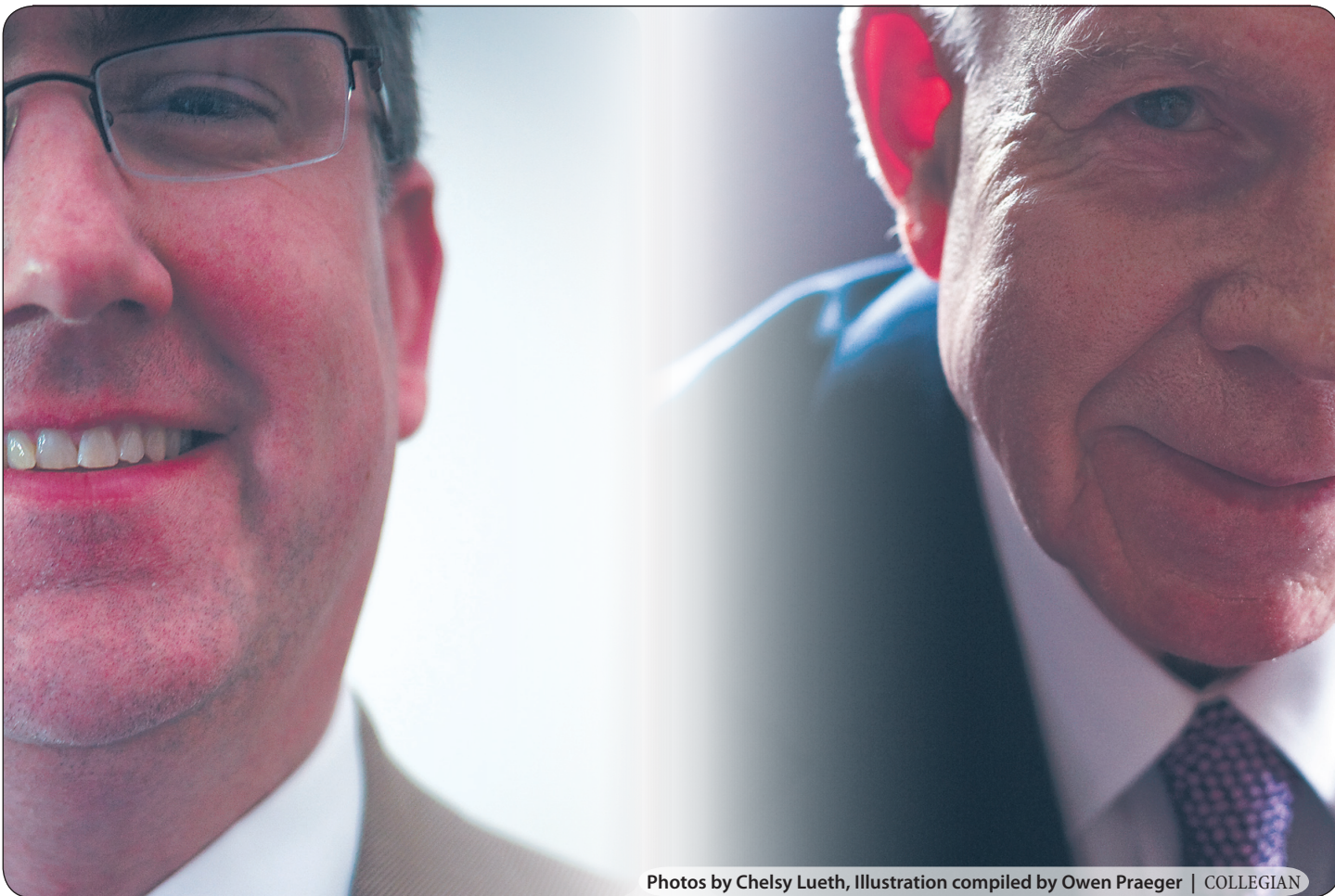
According to a May 4 press



Parkinson

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Changing Faces



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Schulz begins new term

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

President Kirk Schulz has been in office for only a couple days, but he has already begun working toward a vision of K-State in 2025.

The Collegian had an opportunity to sit down with him on his second day as president and discuss his goals for K-State.

Q: What are you doing short-term to make K-State 2025 a reality?

A: "What I'm going to spend the rest of the summer and really the fall semester doing is still just getting out and visiting with different groups. So I've been visiting Alumni groups – I've been to two groups in central Kansas, one in southwest Kansas ... I've made it to about all of the colleges except for about two or three now where I've just spent a couple hours there.

"So a lot of it is just going and hearing what people

have to say about the university: what do they think is good; what do they need to see improved ... it's really information gathering. It's a complex, big place with lots and lots of good things going on, and figuring all of that out as a newcomer is going to take some time."

Q: Why did you decide on the year 2025?

A: "I wanted something that was about 15 years out ... if you move out 15 years, that's far enough out that people will sort of say, 'Well, let's think big.' Really what I want people to do is dream, think large. I think we'll be amazed; at the end, there will be a lot of commonality.

"We'll find the students, the faculty, the staff, alumni, major donors, friends, people in Kansas City, people in western Kansas are all going to converge on a set of fairly common things and that's what will be in the plan."



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Wefald era ends after 23 years

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Jon Wefald was president of K-State for 23 years. His last day in office was Monday. The Collegian had the opportunity to sit down with President Wefald and reflect on his term.

Q: Why did you decide to retire early [before July 1]?

A: "Our esteemed vice president of administration and finance, Bruce Schubert, reminded me that the end of the fiscal year was June 13, this Saturday, and so I thought, 'Well, it isn't like I've been here 5 years or 10 years – 23 years.' The other guy is the vice president at Mississippi State. He's not the president, so he doesn't have to be there until the last minute, and so I thought, let's move it up a few weeks. Kirk [Schulz] thought that was a good idea, and so we thought it was a consensus and a very modest change, and so here we are."

Q: What are you looking forward to most about retirement?

A: "Well, that's a really good question, and I would say no schedule to interrupt things. On a job like this, you have 23,000 students, 1,500 faculty, 150,000 alumni, the state legislature, the governor, the regents, my other colleagues, the other systems, the congressional delegation, all of whom we work with, and so I guess the big thing is just time to read. So [in retirement] you read in the morning, and then have lunch, and then if you want to [you can] go for a walk or ride the bike and then start reading again, and I would say refurbish your mind and rejuvenate your body – get a life.

"I enjoy reading, and it will be a variety of things: political history, political biographies, military history, leadership ... I can read anything. I love ancient history, but I love American history. I certainly enjoy reading about American politics."

Airport begins renovations for more flights

By Jesse Riggs
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan Regional Airport is beginning to make large scale renovations to the airport terminal in preparation for the addition of flights to Dallas/Fort Worth.

Scheduled to start Aug. 25, American Eagle Airlines, the regional affiliate of American Airlines, will begin offering nonstop flights from Manhattan to Dallas/Fort Worth.

In order to better manage the addition of American Eagle flights, the airport terminal is being renovated to ensure the comfort and safety of passengers. The Transportation Security Administration screening area currently only has space for about 30 people.

According to city manager Ron Fehr, the TSA screening

area will be relocated to the area currently occupied by the airport eatery and will comfortably hold up to 50 people.

Additional construction will install offices and a ticket sales counter for American Eagle Airlines.

Peter van Kuren, director of Manhattan Regional Airport, said the city of Manhattan had agreed to reimburse American Eagle Airlines for up to \$200,000 in renovations, personnel training and IT installation. While \$200,000 is the cap for reimbursement, the actual cost of the renovations is not yet known, though van Kuren said he was hopeful it would cost much less than the approved amount. The money will come from Manhattan's Economic Development Fund.

Van Kuren made it clear that the money for the terminal renovations was the city's reimburse-



When renovations are finished, Manhattan Regional Airport will be able to handle more passengers in its screening area as flights to Dallas/Fort Worth become available.

Matt Castro
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ment of American Eagle Airlines and does not include funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"We do qualify for some ARRA money, which is going toward the runway," van Kuren said, referring to the reconstruction

tion of runway 13-31.

According to the minutes of the Manhattan Regional Airport Advisory Board meeting of March 9, the 3,800 square feet of reconstruction is expected to be funded entirely by ARRA funds. The anticipated bid opening is June 24.

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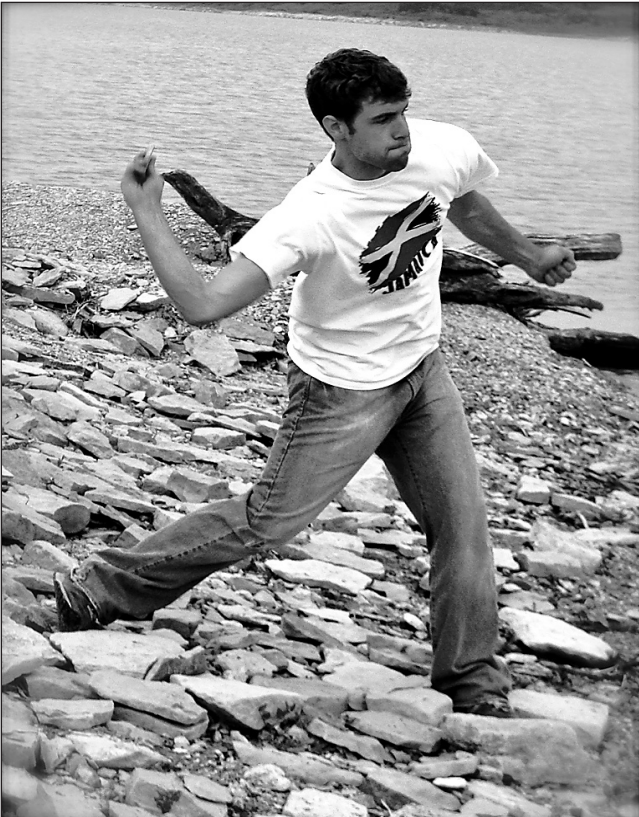
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FOTOFOURUM PIC OF THE WEEK



Michael Kaeb, junior in agriculture education, submitted this photo of his roommate releasing some steam during dead week in May at Tuttle Creek State Park. Outdoor activities have taken center stage with the beginning of summer vacation for many students.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

WATERGATE BURGLARS ARRESTED
On June 17, 1972, five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. Senate investigations eventually revealed that President Richard Nixon was involved in the subsequent cover-up of the break-in; further investigation uncovered a related group of illegal activities including political espionage and falsification of official documents, all sanctioned by the White House. Nixon became increasingly embroiled in the scandal.
On July 29 and 30, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment, charging that Nixon had misused his powers to violate the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens, obstructed justice and defied Judiciary Committee subpoenas. To avoid almost certain impeachment, Nixon resigned from office on Aug. 9.

The Watergate affair had a far-ranging impact, both at home and abroad. In the U.S., the scandal shook the faith of the American people in the presidency. In the final analysis, though, the nation survived the constitutional crisis, thus reinforcing the system of checks and balances, proving no one is above the law.
Nixon's resignation had dire consequences for the Vietnam War. Nixon had always promised that he would come to the aid of South Vietnam if North Vietnam violated the terms of the Paris Peace Accords. With Nixon gone, there was no one left to make good on those promises. When the North Vietnamese began their final offensive in 1975, the promised U.S. support was not provided and the South Vietnamese were quickly defeated.

Also this week in history:

1775: Battle of Bunker Hill

1788: U.S. Constitution ratified

1815: Napoleon defeated at Waterloo

1863: West Virginia enters the Union

1885: Statue of Liberty arrives

1905: First nickelodeon opens

1953: Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed

1960: Arnold Palmer wins U.S. Open

1972: Title IX enacted

1983: Sally Ride becomes first American woman in space

1990: Earthquake kills 50,000 in Iran

1994: O.J. Simpson arrested

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WEIRD NEWS

NAKED BURGLAR FLEES HOME, THEN WEARS WOMEN'S GARB

GOLDEN, Colo. — Authorities said a naked intruder startled a woman in her home west of Denver, then fled in a sheet to another home where he was discovered wearing women's clothing.
Jefferson County deputies said the first break-in occurred shortly before 7 a.m. Monday. The man fled when the woman screamed.
Deputies said he entered a nearby home through an unlocked door, where the female owner discovered him in a bathroom wearing women's underwear, a nightgown, stockings and a scarf. He was arrested in the front yard by deputies alerted by a call from the first home.
Clinton S. March, 24, was arrested on burglary, indecent exposure and theft charges. No phone listing could be found for him, and it wasn't clear whether he had a lawyer.

BOY, 8, SAVES SISTER AND DRUNK ADULTS FROM FIRE

WARSAW, Poland — Police in Poland say an 8-year-old boy saved his sister and three drunk adults from a fire by calling police and fighting the flames before help arrived. The fire started outside the door of the boy's apartment in the western town of Miedzyrzecz late Monday.
Police said Tuesday that the boy was unable to wake up his mother or two men — all of

whom were intoxicated — so called the emergency number himself.
He helped his 5-year-old sister get dressed and repeatedly poured water on the burning door as he waited for help.
Police spokesman Artur Chorazy said: "If it wasn't for him, there might have been a tragedy."
Police are investigating the cause of the fire. They say they are considering whether to charge the 26-year-old mother with endangering her children.

CITY FINES PARKING IN OWN DRIVEWAYS

TOLEDO, Ohio — Residents of Toledo, Ohio, are complaining that they received \$25 tickets for parking their vehicles in their own driveways.
Mayor Carty Finkbeiner says he stands by the citations handed out last week by the Division of Streets, Bridges and Harbor. He says the tickets were issued under a city law against parking on unpaved surfaces, including gravel driveways.
During a news conference Monday, Finkbeiner ignored a reporter's question of whether the crackdown and fines were related to the city's budget crisis. The three-term mayor faces a recall vote in November. Critics have claimed he's wasted city money.
City Councilman D. Michael Collins calls the ticketing "Mickey Mouse nonsense." He has told residents he'll try to have the citations rescinded.

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Zoo presents Dream Night



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Tommy Newcome examines a rabbit during Dream Night at Sunset Zoological Park Friday. Dream Night is a program at zoos across the world for children and families who have loved ones with special needs.

By Melissa M. Taylor
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Sunset Zoological Park’s gates closed at the end of the day Friday and soon reopened to families with children with special needs for a night of dreaming and adventure.

Dream Night began in the Netherlands’ Rotterdam Zoo and quickly spread across the world. In 1996, the zoo closed its gates to the general public and presented the first after-hours Dream Night, an exclusive program dedicated to children with special needs and their families. Today, Dream Night has grown to include more than 190 partners in 35 countries throughout the world.

More than 100 guests gathered at Sunset Zoo’s second-annual Dream Night to enjoy a slower paced evening out and support the Manhattan community.

“I think Dream Night is great and it’s a totally free event,” said Scott Shoemaker, Sunset Zoo director. “It’s a good opportunity to give back to the community and give back to kids with special needs. It’s as much for parents and siblings as it is for the children with the special needs. These families have to deal with a lot; it’s great to see them enjoying an evening out.”

While children were chasing glistening bubbles, cautiously petting animals, choosing a face paint design and smearing ice cream across their cheeks, laughter filled the zoo. Volunteer massage therapists, fire fighters, American Red Cross volunteers, KSU Tap Ensemble dancers, residents, belly dancers, zookeepers and docents, all gathered to give back to a community within Manhattan’s community.

“I think this shows how good Manhattan is, especially with the zoo doing this,” said Mark Whitehair, Lieutenant of Manhattan Fire Department Engine Two. “It’s good

for the city to interact with each other and it’s very good for the community. It gets people who don’t necessarily experience the zoo out for a night at the zoo.”

For Jeff and Hikaru Peterson, the night was a chance to reconnect with friends within the special needs community and enjoy an evening with their three children: Eirik, 5; Soren, 2 1/2; and Kaia, 5 months. During pregnancy, the couple had a prenatal exam and discovered their youngest child would be born with Trisomy 21, or Down syndrome.

“Ever since her diagnosis, we have gotten to know some great people, and would have probably never met them otherwise,” Hikaru Peterson said. “When we first found out about the diagnosis, we entered a world we didn’t know. It’s a unique community that I never knew existed. I feel like I have transformed. Every time we see kids with special needs, we see a loving family behind that child.”

Throughout the night, the Petersons followed their two boys around the zoo, while Kaia slept soundly in her stroller surrounded by soft blankets and plush toys. They watched volunteers use an artistic hand and a little face paint to transform Eirik into a lion and Soren into a dragon.

The couple laughed watching their boys climb a jungle gym, eat ice cream and make treats for the animals. Together they watched as the community came together to support their family and their struggles.

“What really touches me is when our neighbors, friends and family hold [Kaia],” Hikaru said. “I feel like everyone is helping raise her. Families with children with special needs always say, ‘Don’t feel like you are doing this on your own.’ Today is the embodiment of that – everyone coming together. It’s good to know she will be raised by the community.”

Safety crucial in tornado season

By Caroline Sweeney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With each change in the seasons, there are different things to watch for in the weather, and summer in Manhattan is no exception. Tornadoes are a constant threat in Kansas and being aware of which action to take is crucial.

Deemed “tornado alley,” the south-central region of the U.S. is prone to a disproportionately high rate of tornadoes every year. According to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., “Tornado Alley” is mapped from the southern part of South Dakota all the way to the Gulf coast of Texas.

Since the 2007 tornado that devastated Greensburg, Kan., and the one that hit the K-State campus last June, local police and emergency shelters have been working to educate citizens on how to be better prepared. Experts especially recommend using an emergency weather alert radio.

The National Weather Service has set up a na-

tion-wide system of stations that consistently broadcast weather information. The NWS does not subscribe to one particular brand of radio, so they offer a wide variety, but residential radios are the most popular.

“Prices can vary from \$20 to \$200, depending on the model,” according to the NWS Web site. Along with a list of where to find a radio, there are also instructions on how to program each model.

Being warned about a tornado, though, is just the beginning.

“The weather radios can give people who have [them] 15-20 minutes more warning than those who do not,” said Rob Peppers, meteorologist for WIBW in Topeka.

When classifying tornadoes, meteorologists use the Fujita-Pearson Scale. This scale is numbered from 0-5, 5 being considered “incredible.”

“The above guidelines are based on conceptual wind speeds, path widths, and path lengths. Most tornadoes do not follow these guidelines, however,” ac-

cording to the Impact Forecasting Web site.

Along with understanding tornadoes, there are certain things that families should have ready in case a tornado does strike their home.

The Web site *Tornado-chaser.com* recommends that basics like a first aid kit, water and a three-day supply of non-perishable food be kept in backpacks that are easily accessible. The site also recommends that families plan out and practice an emergency plan.

The official Riley County Web site has a list of all the emergency plans and emergency resources put in place to help protect area residents.

“The county’s emergency operation plan is an all hazards plan,” said Laurie Harrison, the emergency management coordinator for Riley County.

The reasoning behind having an all-hazards plan is to avoid redundancy, Harrison said.

“We find that when we respond to emergencies, the responses tend to be the same,” Harrison said.

FUJITA-PEARSON SCALE

Fujita-Pearson Number	Estimated Wind Speed¹	Path Width¹	Path Length¹	Description Of Destruction
0 (Gale)	40-72 mph	6-17 yards	0.3-0.9 miles	Light damage, some damage to chimneys, branches broken, sign boards damaged, shallow-rooted trees blown over.
1 (Moderate)	73-112 mph	18-55 yards	1.0-3.1 miles	Moderate damage, roof surfaces peeled off, mobile homes pushed off foundations, attached garages damaged.
2 (Significant)	113-157 mph	56-175 yards	3.2-9.9 miles	Considerable damage, entire roofs torn from frame houses, mobile homes demolished, boxcars pushed over, large trees snapped or uprooted.
3 (Severe)	158-206 mph	176-566 yards	10-31 miles	Severe damage, walls torn from well-constructed houses, trains overturned, most trees in forests uprooted, heavy cars thrown about.
4 (Devastating)	207-260 mph	0.3-0.9 miles	32-99 miles	Complete damage, well-constructed houses leveled, structures with weak foundations blown off for some distance, large missiles generated.
5 (Incredible)	261-318 mph	1.0-3.1 miles	100-315 miles	Foundations swept clean, automobiles become missiles and thrown for 100 yards or more, steel-reinforced concrete structures badly damaged.

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TAKING OVER?



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Republicans adopt celebrity spokesperson as ‘daddy’ of now-minority party

It’s ironic that while many Republicans wish to portray President Obama as a celebrity politician, the obvious leader of their party is a celebrity talk show host. A Gallup poll released June 10 demonstrated that the majority of those polled believe Rush Limbaugh is the person who speaks for the Republican Party.



JASON MILLER

In March, as the still leaderless Republicans frantically tried to demonstrate to the American people that their party was not completely broken, Limbaugh spoke at the 37th Conservative Political Action Conference, solidifying his position as daddy of the minority party.

While my cohort, Chance York, would like to paint a comedic portrait of Mr. Limbaugh, it is a dangerous thing to underestimate a man with such a massive cult following. The sheer number of listeners that take Limbaugh’s rhetoric as the gospel allows him to wield political power over elected officials in a way never before seen. Talk radio is simply based on opinions, and if the hosts had all the answers, Americans would be foolish to not ask them to run for Congress. Those in the Republican Party would like to make us believe that Limbaugh has no real power, but the proof is in the apologies that elected officials continue to offer when his feelings get hurt.

In late January, Phil Gingrey, a Georgia Republican, released a statement apologizing to fellow conservatives for comments he made about Limbaugh. Politico ran an article in which the representative simply defended his fellow Republicans against negative comments made by Limbaugh. He went on to say of conservative talk show hosts, “[They’re] living well and plus [they] stir up a bit of controversy and gin the base. But when it comes to true leadership –

not that these people couldn’t be or wouldn’t be good leaders – they’re not in that position of John Boehner or Mitch McConnell.”

In mid-May, Republican National Committee chair Michael Steele attempted to step up and demonstrate that he could lead the Republican Party by directly attacking President Obama on his policies. Steele feels he can go after a president with an approval rating doubling that of our former president, yet cannot make meaningful comments about a man that holds no political position at all.

Less than 48 hours after calling Limbaugh a “mere entertainer” and saying his show is “incendiary,” Steele publicly apologized for his remarks.

The irony is, Steele’s comments are correct. Limbaugh is an entertainer, not an elected official and his show is the definition of incendiary. Limbaugh’s entire persona is that of a rant-and-rave conservative who will only be happy if the government ceased to tax us and take care of the less fortunate, while only like-minded people populated the United States.

Limbaugh is a man in a unique position to create a star in the conservative base, courtesy of his multi-million listenership. While the Republicans would like to pick the star, through the years of his ranting and raving, they failed to see that Mr. Limbaugh himself became the main attraction of their show. In a time when Republican approval ratings are dwindling, according to a February Gallup poll, Limbaugh has kept his approval ratings at 60%.

While liberals and conservatives alike would like to believe that Limbaugh is not the de facto head of the Republican Party, I simply ask: If not he, then who?

What is obvious is that the Republicans seeking re-election must continue to make Limbaugh happy, as his audience of 20 million will continue to influence local Republican politics for years to come.

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Limbaugh not necessarily freshest, best face of Republican Party ideology

My colleague, Jason Miller, is seriously mistaken if he believes Republicans are somehow beholden to conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

Put simply, the extent of Limbaugh’s political power is no greater than the sheer distance the average American can throw him, which, considering the average American does not possess robotic arms, isn’t far.

Sure, Limbaugh has his own radio show, and it’s a popular radio show. In fact, according to a recent New York Times article, it’s carried by more than 600 affiliates nationwide.

However, I say: Big deal, folks. Radio shows won’t do you any good if your audience is comprised primarily of elderly people and those with webbed feet.

The only point I could possibly concede to Miller is that many moons – and Taco Bell burritos – ago, Mr. Limbaugh was a much leaner, meaner, liberal-crushing machine.

In fact, The National Review once went so far as to dub Limbaugh the “Leader of the Opposition” during the early years of the Clinton administration.

However, since the early 1990s, there have been long periods of drought, times during which Limbaugh’s public approval ratings have stayed unmistakably flat.

For instance, according to the Gallup organization, 60 percent of Republicans approved of Limbaugh’s angry radio bellowings in 2003, compared to the exact same number – 60 percent – in 2008.

Meanwhile, that leaves a solid 40 percent of Republicans who continually view Limbaugh as unlikeable, or who are indifferent to the man altogether.

Taken together with numbers for Independents and Democrats, the story becomes all too clear: While

many Americans seem to be aware of who Rush Limbaugh is, they still really, really don’t like him.

In effect, then, Limbaugh is a near-universally known public persona. I will further concede that, during the past few months, his media presence has increased significantly as the Republican Party has scrambled to gather its bearings after being handed major political defeat after major defeat.

It is also true that, as Miller suggests, Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele and other fellow Republicans have even gone so far as to openly apologize for even the slightest criticisms of Limbaugh.

But the fact remains that many Americans, even quite a few Republicans, still find Limbaugh to be a highly polarizing political figure.

On the other hand, I have always personally viewed Limbaugh to be more of a Jabba the Hutt-like political figure.

For instance, I find it interesting that both Mr. Limbaugh and Mr. Hutt have control over a shadowy dungeon: some distant, gloomy radio show studio, and an underground desert lair, respectively.

What’s more, they clearly both demand attention from their constituencies: Mr. Limbaugh with his radio listeners and Mr. Hutt with the rancor pit monster and those green, axe-wielding pig creatures.

And finally, while Limbaugh, like Hutt, probably won’t be ruling the entire Republican “empire” any time soon, he sure does seem to have a knack for commanding respect and rallying individuals behind him.

For now, though, and perhaps for time to come, without overwhelming support from the majority of voters, Limbaugh will clearly remain just one more voice – albeit a very loud, menacing, highly syndicated voice – in the Republican dark.

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Why are there so many people on campus today? There are so many freaking people everywhere!

New student orientation is taking over Manhattan. Ahhh!

What’s up with that girl on campus with a pirate sword?

Gosh, the campus looks great this summer. It must be because Lydia Peele left.

It’s real, yet it feels fake.

Dang, those K-state grounds workers are bringing sexy back to campus this summer!

K-State’s new tech-savvy president offers more options

You can find K-State’s 13th president, Kirk Schulz, on *Facebook.com*, *YouTube.com* and *Twitter.com*, read his blog, “Messages from Kirk,” or listen to his speeches from the newly-created president’s page on K-State’s Web site. His tech-savvy attitude is a step in the right direction for K-State.

The newly created president’s page offers a glimpse into President Schulz’s world, including his background, information about his family and easy ways to contact him with concerns.

President Schulz has taken to heart the belief that people communicate differently. He seems to want to make it fairly easy for students, faculty, alumni and others to pick his brain via various forms of technology and in some instances give him feedback on his communiqués.

He has also posted all of the contact information for his entire office staff and cabinet on his Web page for those who communicate in more old-fashioned ways.

Never before at K-State have K-Staters been

able to peer into the president’s world, and more of the university behind the scenes, so closely.

It is important in this day and age for communication to be accessible, so that the current administration can make decisions and disseminate information properly and promptly.

However, students should be mindful of what kind of information they place in cyberspace for everyone, including our new technologically proficient president, to see. Incriminating photos or text could lead to disciplinary action being taken by those in Anderson Hall, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing. It might lead to a decrease in questionable decisions made by students due to the watchful “cyber-eye” of K-State.

We applaud President Schulz for his efforts to reach out to K-Staters through various forms of communication. He is performing a great service to the K-State and Manhattan communities by allowing members to chime in with their two cents and tell him about their questions, comments and concerns.

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Annual workshop for girls promotes math and science

By Jesse Riggs
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K-State presented the 10th-annual GROW Summer Workshop last week. The three-day event for sixth- to eighth-grade girls is designed to encourage them to pursue futures in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

About 100 girls from Kansas, Missouri, Virginia and Florida attended GROW or Girls Researching Our World, forming ten teams for the duration of the event: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Theta, Nu, Pi, Rho, Sigma and Omega, each headed by K-State student mentors. GROW was presented through the efforts of K-State faculty, graduate students and undergraduates, headed by WESP (Women in Engineering and Research Program) Outreach Program Coordinator Susan Christian.

According to Christian, some 3,000 students have attended GROW events since they began in June 2000. After 10 years, follow-up surveys have shown that 45 percent of the students contacted were pursuing degrees or careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Christian said she hopes the

girls will leave the GROW Summer Workshop with knowledge of the broad variety of opportunities available in science and engineering and how such careers make an impact worldwide.

GROW featured a wide variety of hands-on workshops, from “Acid Raindrops Keep Falling in My Lake” and “Fun Wit Magnetism,” to “In a Galaxy Far, Far Away” and “Why the Sky is Blue.” A few of the activities took place on the Konza Prairie and focused on plants, animals and their ecosystems.

Among the workshops pertaining to technology was “Do You Know Who is on Your Computer?” John Homer, who completed his doctorate this past spring, led the workshop.

On Homer’s computer was a file titled secret.txt, which he used to show the girls how to use command prompts to locate the file through the network and edit it from their computers.

“Computers do exactly what you tell them to,” Homer told the students. “So if you give them bad direction, you get bad results.”

The girls accessed the text file to discover that Homer has a son named David and a dog, and his favorite col-

or is purple. Very quickly, Homer’s favorite colors became red, blue and pink as a result of the girls editing the text, causing laughter throughout the computer lab.

Jessica Heier-Stamm, K-State graduate in industrial engineering and Ph.D. student at Georgia Tech, ran a GROW workshop on disaster relief.

After discussing the basics of supply chains and analyzing the differences between a regular supply chain and a disaster-relief supply chain, Heier-Stamm divided the girls into groups as parts of a simulated disaster relief effort. The simulation ran through a week of four-minute days, during which the girls sent order forms, assembled aid packages using Legos™ and dealt with unexpected events like flooded-out bridges and communications breakdowns.

“I can’t say you did worse than FEMA,” Heier-Stamm jokingly told the girls after the last relief package was shipped.

The girls then discussed how the exercise had challenged them, and Heier-Stamm elaborated on the importance of communication and needs evaluation, citing the thousands of winter coats donated and



Melissa M. Taylor | COLLEGIAN
About 100 middle-school girls conducted experiments and learned more about technology at K-State’s 10th-annual GROW workshop last week.

sent to tropical Sri Lanka after the tsunami of 2004: useful items for someone, but not for most Sri Lankans.

Heier-Stamm described her involvement with GROW as “very rewarding” and good motivation for

her own research. This was her fourth year of contribution to the GROW Summer Workshop.

It is the hard work of graduates, like Heier-Stamm, and K-State faculty that make the GROW Summer Workshop a success, Christian said.

Manhattan to celebrate 20 years of local Juneteenth events

2009 JUNETEENTH EVENTS

Friday
7-9 p.m.
Gospel Fest
Larry Norvell Band Shell in City Park

Saturday
10 a.m.
Parade
From Sears parking lot on 3rd Street to Douglass Community Center on Yuma Street

Events at Douglass Center until 5 p.m.
Music starting at 1 p.m.

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

More than 146 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, formally abolishing slavery in the U.S. and birthing a nation that honors freedom for all citizens.

This weekend, the Manhattan community will remember this moment in history with the 20th edition of the area’s Juneteenth celebration.

Juneteenth will start with a Gospel Fest at the Larry Norvell Band Shell in City Park from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, said Vanessa Hope, Juneteenth chairperson.

“We just invite all the community

churches to come out and sing praises to the Lord [Friday],” Hope said. “Then on Saturday morning, the parade starts at 10.”

The parade route will start in the Sears parking lot on 3rd Street, continue on Poyntz Avenue and Juliette Street, and finally turn onto Yuma Street, where it will end at the Douglass Community Center at 901 Yuma St.

The rest of Saturday’s events will run until 5, including historical displays housed in Douglass Center Annex and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament sponsored by U.S. Army recruiters and Flint Hills Job Corps. To sign up for the tournament, interested individuals should visit the recruiter’s office in Manhattan Town Center or sign up at the Annex

Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Live music from local musicians Betti O and Muizzi will start at 1 p.m., and free hot dogs and ice cream will be provided for children 12 and under, Hope said. A previously announced barbecue cook-off has been canceled.

Mayor Bob Strawn said he will read an official proclamation and welcome the community to the event.

“Manhattan was originally founded as an anti-slavery settlement,” Strawn said. “Manhattan is rich in African-American culture, and it’s important that we celebrate it. It’s going to be a beautiful day, come out and enjoy it with us.”

All Juneteenth events are free and open to the public.

GOV | Parkinson takes lead on renewable energy, economy woes

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release, Parkinson and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation President Earl Watkins announced a comprehensive energy plan to encourage the production of more renewable energy in Kansas.

The agreement will allow Sunflower to construct one 895-megawatt (MW) coal plant, enough to power 448,000 households and generate 6.67 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, down from 10.7 million tons from the two 700 MW coal plant previously proposed.

“We’re bringing people together to create hundreds of jobs, increase our renewable energy production and ensure a comprehensive energy plan for our state,” Parkinson said in the news release. “Prior to this agreement, the legislature was at an impasse on energy issues. With this agreement, we can start to move forward.”

Recent happenings from the

Capitol also included Parkinson vetoing a line-item in the budget bill that would have prevented Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri from receiving approximately \$300,000 in federal funds for family planning services.

In his veto message, Parkinson explained his decision: “Regardless of one’s views on whether abortion should be allowed in this country, hopefully we can all agree that we should make every effort to prevent unplanned pregnancies,” Parkinson said. “Access to affordable family planning services and contraceptives is critical if we are to continue reducing the number of abortions that occur in this state.”

Among other recent decisions, Parkinson also vetoed a bill that would have made it easier for U.S. soldiers to vote. This bill would have allowed federal employees and military personnel to complete advance ballots via e-mail. Parkinson said that it would discourage advance voting.

Athletic officials still on leave

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State athletics department officials remain on administrative leave a week after.

Jim Epps, deputy athletic director, and Bob Cavello, senior associate athletic director for administration and finance, were placed on administrative leave June 10.

“Earlier this afternoon, I informed Jim Epps and Bob Cavello of my decision to place them on administrative leave with pay until further notice,” said John Currie, athletic director, in the department’s press release. “This decision is

not based upon any concerns about misconduct on the part of either individual. As is practice with personnel matters, we will have no further comment at this time.”

The decision came two days after Currie took over the reins of the K-State athletic department.

President Kirk Schulz said that despite rumors, the action is not part of a conscious effort to replace administrators from Jon Wefald’s presidency.

“I don’t foresee any administrative changes happening,” Schulz said. “It’s an athletic department matter.”

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GETTING INKED



Top: Anna Loewenthal, senior in animal science, watches curiously as she gets her eighth tattoo at Twisted Apple Tattoo Tuesday afternoon. Bottom: Matt Whitehead, Fort Riley resident, displays his tattoo and the unexpected flourish his tattoo artist added without his consent.

Tattoo experiences present surprises, both good and bad

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

If there wasn't a sign, people might be fooled. The linoleum floor is perfectly swept, and the soft hum in the background could be the buzzing of a beard trimmer. However, this is no beauty shop. This is Twisted Apple Tattoo. "You get your first one, and then you get addicted to them," said Anthony Crivelli, Junction City resident, who was waiting to receive his eighth tattoo Tuesday. "It's like a bad-boy image. They make me feel pretty badass – true story."

Though Crivelli said he likes most of his tattoos, he said he regrets two of them. "This one looks like a color-by-numbers," he said as he pointed to a large bubble-style tattoo, "and this one [a faded image of Yosemite Sam] is just too white trash."

Matt Whitehead, Fort Riley resident, said

he "experienced a shenanigan" when receiving his tattoo. Unlike Crivelli's regrettable tattoo, though, Whitehead's was not an issue of poor choice – he was the victim of a crazy tattoo artist.

"My best friend and I went up to Indianapolis to this pretty reputable place – we were pumped," he said. "We went to their shop, and it was closed because they were hosting a local fair. So I thought, 'Well, I'd rather do it at the shop, but I'm sure they have pretty sterile set-ups at the fair!'"

Unfortunately for Whitehead and his friend, the fair's tattoo area did not look reputable.

"It ended up just being a bunch of RVs parked around this racetrack, and a bunch of rednecks getting drunk," Whitehead said. "The [tattoo shop's] RV was a 1980s piece of crap – the door was falling off the hinges!"

Whitehead said he considered turning

back when he saw the conditions of the makeshift tattoo parlor, but was hot and sweaty and ready to get what he came for. When he entered the RV, he was greeted with another shock.

"Sitting in there were these old-school hippies with long hair, and it smelled like hemp – they were actually smoking weed at the time," he said. "So, I'm getting my tattoo done by these two high hippies."

Whitehead said the atmosphere inside the RV was heightened by the happenings outside.

"There was this one guy – every 10 minutes he'd wake up from his drunken stupor and start banging on the door, and the whole thing would shake," he said. "As [the tattoo artist] was giving me the tattoo, instead of just stopping, he would work with me as it swayed."

Whitehead said the degree of pain was more than he expected,



and his arm went numb during the 4-hour process. Whitehead said the next occurrence in this string of events surprised him the most.

Before receiving the tattoo, Whitehead showed the artist the design he wanted – the word "veritas" ("truth" in Latin) scrolled un-

derneath a tribal-style cross. However, that was not what he ended up with.

"Looking in the mirror, I noticed something on the 's' – I had no idea what it was," he said. "I thought I was imagining it at first, and

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IN THE KITCHEN

'Healthified' spinach artichoke dip fun, simple for summer

1 INGREDIENTS

4 cups fresh baby spinach leaves
1 package (8 oz) 1/3-less-fat cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
4 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup fat-free (skim) milk
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1 can (14 oz) artichoke hearts, drained, chopped
Chips and/or assorted vegetables

2 DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. Spray 1-quart shallow glass baking dish or 9-inch glass pie plate

with cooking spray.
3. Place spinach in 2-quart microwavable casserole; add 1/4 cup water. Cover; microwave on high 2 minutes. Drain well, pressing spinach with paper towels to remove excess liquid.
4. In large bowl, beat cream cheese with spoon until smooth. Beat in mayonnaise, 3 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese, milk, garlic and basil until well blended. Stir in spinach and artichokes. Spread evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining tablespoon cheese.
5. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.
6. Serve with baguette slices or raw vegetables.

3 NUTRITIONAL FACTS

Serving Size	1 bowl
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	120
Total fat	8 g
Saturated fat	4 g
Cholesterol	20 mg
Sodium	280 mg
Total Carbohydrate	6 g
Total Fiber	2 g
Protein	5 g
Calcium	8% DV
Vitamin A	30% DV
Vitamin C	6% DV



— Compiled by Katie Marshall from eatbetteramerica.com

MY LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Letters lead to false familiarity

I've developed an ongoing correspondence with a traveling couple from Colorado. Essentially, they just go places and let me know how it went afterwards. I like it.

It gives me a feeling of false familiarity when I go to these places, and false familiarity is better than actual familiarity. Actual familiarity is the exact thing I'm trying to escape when I go places.

I'm not saying Manhattan isn't the greatest place in the world, but I certainly won't make my ruling until I see everything else. It's sitting at about 30th right now ... it's a sliding scale.

This new-found coupled correspondence is exciting. It's helped get me back in the mood for letter-writing. I've mentioned before how I began a letter-writing project near the end of 2008 with the intention of sending a letter to everyone I knew.

I got about 10 or 15 done when chance took over and I found myself often in the clouds where letters hold no value. But now that's all done and gone, the letters have resumed.

I've written a few across town already with no expectation of reply and another to Hawaii and to Aspen, Colo., again. In all reality, my friend Liz out in Hawaii is the most likely to write back.

I learned early and often that people, as excited as they are to receive mail, have no desire to return the pleasure. I've heard people excuse themselves as bad writers, but that certainly never stopped me. I just don't get a lot of things about a lot of people.

Downtime, out in Los Angeles is probably the only person who has directly replied to a letter of mine ... though since he's been laid off, he has had ample downtime.

I am hoping for a reply from Nick out in Aspen. A member of the Buttermilk Hill Gang – founding member at that – he tends to explore the world well on his own and, in light of recent events, I found it a necessity to write him.

It appears my dear friend Nick, sweet Nicholas, of with whom I've shared many a random travel, has just returned from an Atlantic sailing venture via findacrew.net in which he, our dear Nick, started a mutiny.

Of this mutiny, I have not received but vague details as I hold out for a coffee sit-down with the guy to hear it in person.

But from what I can piece together from others' accounts, he stood up to the prick of a captain and demanded the ship stop at next port, which it did.

And I guess about half the crew followed his lead and left. I love it.

And now with that pressing matter, I've got to find a way to get to Aspen as quickly as I can. I could drive, sure, but that song's been sung. Now, there's this train that runs along the river not too far from my parents' house in Topeka.

A younger me enjoyed going down to it at night trying to touch it as it passed by, knowing I never would.

But the time has come. I think I'm just going to jump on it. Train jumping, I feel, has slowed quite a bit in the past couple decades.

I mean to revamp it. I'm not even sure where that train goes, though the odds of ending up in downtown Topeka are startling high, I think.

I guess we'll just have to find out. Wish me luck...

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| If approved, mandatory inspection program could begin as early as 2010 for landlords

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that 5 percent of the 11,800 rental units in the city, or 590 units total, are less than acceptable for inhabitation.

When this statistic was questioned, no one was able to provide any factu-

al evidence to support the claim or provide another estimate. But supporters of the measure were quick to reassure the commission that a problem exists.

Opponents of the program, predominantly landlords, ardently opposed the idea that anything needs to

be done beyond the current optional system.

"I don't think an 18- or 20-year-old renter is thinking, 'Is this a safe place for me to live in?'" said Brandon Cutler, assistant director of greek affairs.

Speaking in support of the measure, Cutler argued

that student renters drive the push for upkeep and maintenance of fraternity and sorority houses. Greek houses would be subject to the measure of the proposed inspection program if approved by the commission. Residence halls and Jardine Apartments would not be

subject, in accordance with an agreement between K-State and the city that allows for K-State's independence from many municipal ordinances.

The inspection program could be in place as soon as 2010, and appropriations have been made

in the 2010 budget proposal.


If enacted, the program would require landlords to bring all of their problem units up to code. For students, such a program could signify a higher-quality place to live – and also a higher monthly rent.

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Local shares tales of past bank robberies

By Christie Coffman and
Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

G.L. Hersh has lived his life on the edge. The 80-year-old Manhattan resident is full of eccentric life stories – from jumping off a tower to being involved in numerous scandals.

“I think he’s extremely interesting,” said Marolyn Caldwell, who participated with Hersh on a council against city expansion. “We were a very diverse group – an extremely diverse group – and he was an example of how diverse we were.”

He attended K-State in the architecture program but decided to put his talents to other uses by raising local houses onto stilts.

During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps in Europe.

“Once a Marine, always a Marine,” he said. “There are two kinds of Marines – live ones and dead ones. And I’m not dead yet. I’m a live one.”

He boasts about earning a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster and an Air Medal oak leaf cluster.

During his time in Europe, he fractured both of his ankles by parachuting off a 14-story tower.

“I got overseas and my squad leader decided there was something wrong, because I was walking funny,” he said. “He made me take off my boots and my legs were purple all the way to the knee.”

That incident might sound like enough excitement for most people, but not for Hersh. He has also robbed seventeen banks.

“It went good for the first sixteen – I got caught on the seventeenth because my partner was not around,” he said.



G. L. Hersh sits in his living room opening mail while his daschund, Duke, chews on a rawhide bone Tuesday afternoon. Hersh said he usually receives about 60 pieces of mail a week.

Hersh said he attempted to rob three Kansas City, Mo., banks in the same day. He estimated the total stolen was \$1 million. He was caught and found guilty and served 10 years in Leavenworth State Penitentiary.

“While I was there, I taught myself offset printing,” he said. “I’m the only person I know of that has been given a teaching certificate inside those walls.”

Later, Hersh was convicted of filming a sex tape of two 15-year-olds. He said the teenagers often asked to borrow his camera equipment, but he refused. No video was ever uncovered – the scandal was both a framing and a type of blackmail, according to Hersh. Still, he spent four and a half years in prison at Lansing, Kan.

“Whenever they sen-

tence me with something, the jury is always ‘Oh, he’s got to be guilty because he’s that type of a person – they don’t ever change,’” he said. “Which is not really true – they do to a degree.”

Despite Hersh’s criminal record, he said he has participated in many charities, including Toys for Tots. He said he also helps homeless people by housing them in his properties at 530 Fremont and 1646 Laramie.

“I know he lived there with his wife for a long time – and with some homeless people,” Caldwell said. “You know the way other people do things? He doesn’t. He’s an activist. And we admire that. He’s one of the more interesting people I have ever met.”

Ryan Nickell, senior in digital arts, lives near Hersh

and said he has talked with him a few times.

“We’ll just be walking by and he’s grilling in his front yard, and he’ll go, ‘Hey, you want some meat?’” Nickell said.

Now, Hersh is in the process of attempting to buy one of the last salvage yards in Kansas and is working on raising the money he needs.

“I don’t know if I’ll make it or not, but I’m working on it,” he said. “I may get it. I haven’t given it up and, as you can see, I’m not dead yet.”

Hersh’s said his advice for K-State students is, “Don’t rob banks when you’re young with a gun. It’s all right to rob banks like the people do today, just don’t rob banks when you’re young with a gun. It’s been a hazard for me all my life.”

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Loewenthal chose to get a peacock on her foot as her eight tattoo at Twisted Apple Tuesday afternoon.

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then I looked really closely. They had added this forked snake-tongue.”

Whitehead confronted the artist about the design change. The artist’s response: “We thought we’d add a little creativity to it.”

The artist gave him a \$20 discount to cover the surprise addition, lack of cleanliness, and repetitive shaking of the RV. Whitehead said he is satisfied with his tattoo, but also said, “I have to live with it for the rest of my life, so he could have at least asked.”

Whitehead said he is not planning to get any more tattoos.

Chris Tassin, artist at Twisted Apple, gave advice for those considering permanent body art.

“Get a big one so it will last forever – not a small one so it fades out in five years,” Tassin said. “If they get a small one, it fades out because you’re mostly made out of water. So in five years, it ends up looking really bad.”

While there are many problems to watch out for when getting a tattoo, Antonio Delacruz, Junction City resident, said nothing will hold him back from getting as many as possible.

“I’ll keep going until I run out of space, and then I’ll put on more and start over again,” he said.

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